

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-30 are pending. No new matter is introduced.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 11, 20, 21, 23, 24 and 26 were objected to; Claims 1-3, 5, 9-13, 15, 20, 21 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hansen (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/0101342) in view of Tretter et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 7,248,693, hereafter “Tretter”); Claims 22-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hansen, Tretter and Honma (U.S. Patent No. 7,130,069); Claims 6-8 and 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hansen, Tretter and Botham, Jr. et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,785,812, hereinafter “Botham”); and Claims 4, 14, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hansen, Tretter and Shannon (U.S. Patent No. 6,233,618).

Initially, it is noted that the arguments presented below should not be interpreted as any agreement on Applicants’ behalf with respect to the Examiner’s “Response to Arguments” identified in the outstanding Office Action.

With respect to the objection to Claims 11, 20, 21, 23, 24 and 26, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of considering the amendments to be properly marked up in the amendment of September 20, 2010 and to confirm that the claims as filed in the amendment of September 20, 2010 represent the most recent version of the claims.

In reply to the rejection of Claims 1-3, 5, 9-13, 15, 20, 21 and 30 as being unpatentable over Hansen in view of Tretter, the rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, a file transfer system, where:

said file receiving terminal is further configured to transmit to said file management server a request for transferring the particular file, and

in response to the request transmitted by said file receiving terminal, (i) if an address of the requesting file receiving terminal and the stored address of the file receiving terminal transferred by the mobile terminal are determined to match, and (ii) if the request transmitted by said file receiving terminal is determined to include the second password, said file management server transfers the particular file to said file receiving terminal (Emphasis added.)

Thus, Claim 1 defines a file transfer system where in response to the request transmitted by the file receiving terminal, if an address of the requesting file receiving terminal and the stored address of the file receiving terminal transferred by the mobile terminal are determined to match, and if the request transmitted by the file receiving terminal is determined to include the second password, then the file management server transfers the particular file to the file receiving terminal. It is believed that no combination of the cited references describe these features.

Turning to the applied reference, Hansen describes using a mobile computing device (210) to delivery a security key to a printing station (208) along with instructions to activate printer (220).¹ Hansen also describes that printer (220) obtains access to a document from server (202) using the security key, retrieves the document and prints the document.²

¹ Hansen at page 4, paragraphs 35 and 40.

² Id.

The outstanding Office Action identifies the printer (220) obtaining access to a document from server (202) using the security key, retrieving the document, and printing the document described in Hansen as corresponding to “in response to the request transmitted by the file receiving terminal, (i) if an address of the requesting file receiving terminal and the stored address of the file receiving terminal transferred by the mobile terminal are determined to match, and (ii) if the request transmitted by said file receiving terminal is determined to include the second password, the file management server transfers the particular file to the file receiving terminal,” as recited in Claim 1.

Hansen, however, does not describe that in response to the request transmitted by the printing station (208), (i) if an address of the printing station (208) and the stored address of the printing station (208) transferred by the mobile terminal are determined to match, and (ii) if the request transmitted by the file receiving terminal is determined to include the second password, that the server (202) transfers the particular file to the printing station (208).

Instead, Hansen merely describes that the printing station (208) obtains access to a document from server (202) using the security key and retrieves and prints the document.³ In other words, Hansen describes using a security key to obtain the document rather than determining whether the stored address of the printing station (208) on server (202) matches the address of the printing station (208).⁴

Further, Hansen does not describe that the stored address of the printing station (208) is transferred by the mobile terminal.

³ Id.

⁴ Id.

Instead, Hansen describes that the printing instructions are sent from mobile computing device (210) to printing station (208) to activate printer (220).⁵ Nowhere does Hansen describe that mobile computing device (210) transfers an address of the printing station (208) to server (202). Further, Applicants' invention provides at least the nonobvious advantageous effect of improving security of a system in which files are transmitted via a server.⁶ However, because Hansen describes that the printing instructions are sent from mobile computing device (210) to printing station (208), Hansen lacks the above-noted advantageous feature.

Claim 1 recites that *in response to the request transmitted by the file receiving terminal, (i) if an address of the requesting file receiving terminal and the stored address of the file receiving terminal transferred by the mobile terminal are determined to match, and (ii) if the request transmitted by the file receiving terminal is determined to include the second password, the file management server transfers the particular file to the file receiving terminal.* Therefore, Hansen fails to describe the file transfer system of Claim 1 and Tretter fails to cure this deficiency in Hansen. As such, no combination of Hansen and Tretter describes every feature recited in Claim 1. Further, due to the lack of recognition of the above-noted security problem, one having ordinary skill in the art could not easily achieve the present invention based on a combination of the prior art. Accordingly, for the above-noted reasons, Claim 1, together with any claims depending therefrom, is believed to be in condition for allowance.

⁵ Id.

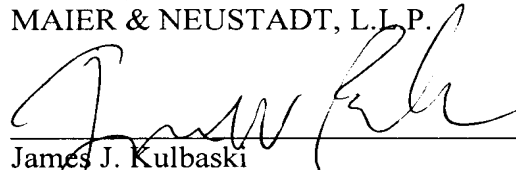
⁶ Enami et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0117389) at least at page 4, paragraph 94.

Moreover, Claims 11, 20-26, and 30 recite features corresponding to those recited in Claim 1 and are thus believed to be in condition for allowance, together with any claims depending therefrom, for similar reasons. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claims 1-30 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

Consequently, for the reasons discussed above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-30 is earnestly solicited.

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